



**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Submission (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 10/619,677
Filing Date: July 15, 2003
First Named Inventor: Jessica LeMay
Group Art Unit: 3761
Examiner Name: Jacqueline F. Stephens
Attorney Docket Number: 460.2242USQ
CUSTOMER NO.: 67,519

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. _____ Previously submitted

i. _____ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. _____ Other _____

b. **XXXXX** Enclosed

i. **XXXXX** Amendment with transmittal

ii. _____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. **XXXXX** Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449

iv. _____ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. _____ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. _____ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. **XXXXX** The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$790.00, any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account No. 162-127 in the name of Playtex Products, Inc.** The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, if needed to Deposit Acct. No.: 01-0467.

i. **XXXXX** RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

ii. _____ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. _____ Other _____

b. _____ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. _____ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

August 1, 2007

Date of Signature

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 1, 2007.

Suzanne Lombardo
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DATE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): LeMay et al.
Serial No.: 10/619,677
For: A BARREL FOR A TAMPON APPLICATOR ASSEMBLY AND METHODS OF FORMING
Filed: July 15, 2003
Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
Art Unit: 3761
Confirmation No.: 7057
Customer No.: 67,519 Attorney Docket No.: 460.2242USQ

**Mail Stop RCE
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment accompanied by an RCE, an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO-1449 in response to the communication dated June 1, 2007 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	16	Minus	27	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$790.00.

___ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$790.00, any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 162-127 in the name of Playtex Products, Inc.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, if needed to Deposit Account No.: 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

August 1, 2007

Date



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